GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF BAN ITEMS BY VENDORS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that vendors are openly selling Pan, Gutka, Cigarette, Liquor and other intoxicants at stations and in trains despite ban on selling of these items ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) the number of such cases reported during last two years, till date and the action taken/to be taken against those vendors ;

(d) whether many street children are also selling such items openly in sleeper and AC classes of Trains ; and

(e) if so, the precautionary measures taken by the Railways to prevent such street children from entering into trains and selling the intoxicants ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. Sale of all such items is strictly prohibited at stations and in trains.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such cases have been reported. Unauthorized vending/hawking is an offence under the provisions of Section 144 of the Railways Act 1989. To eradicate the nuisance of unauthorized vending/hawking causing inconvenience to the passengers, regular drives are being conducted against them in co-ordination with Commercial Staff and Government Railway Police.

(d) & (e) : No, Sir. However, regular and surprise checks are conducted to prevent street children from entering into the train bogies.